

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order 05-02-06

Issued at Nome, Alaska
March 8, 2006

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
March 8, 2006

Expiration Date: June 30, 2006

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order closes the State of Alaska Tier II subsistence hunting season for muskox by permit in Hunt TX103 in Unit 22(D) Southwest at 11:59 p.m. on March 8, 2006. The harvest quota of 8 bulls has been reached and no further harvest is warranted.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.050 (a) (2), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MUSKOX**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting muskox in the Unit 22(D) Southwest:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
Unit 22(D), Southwest, that portion west of the Tisuk River drainage, west of the west bank of the unnamed creek originating at the unit boundary opposite the headwaters of McAdam's Creek to its confluence with Canyon Creek, and west of the west bank of Caynon Creek to its confluence with Tuksuk Channel	Sept. 1 – Mar. 8	No open season.
1 musk ox per regulatory		

year by Tier II (Subsistence hunt only)
subsistence hunting
permit only; however,
cows may be taken only
during the period Jan. 1 –
Mar. 15; up to 9 musk oxen
may be taken; however, not
more than 4 cows may be
taken; total harvest may
not exceed 9 musk oxen in
Unit 22(D) Southwest

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All other muskox hunting regulations in Unit 22 remain unchanged by this emergency order.

McKie Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to: Kate Persons
Kate Persons
Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Board of Game approved a 5% harvest rate for muskox in Unit 22(D) Southwest which allows a harvest of 8 muskox based on the 2005 population estimate of 158 muskox in Unit 22(D) Southwest. The harvest quota of 8 muskox has been reached and no further harvest is warranted.